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SYMPATHY WITH COUNTESS.

Countess May Decline to Order Forfeiture
of Allowance of \$7,500.

(Associated Press.)
Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 23.—Countess Montignoso, formerly the wife of King Frederick Augustus, by coming to Dresden and trying to see her children yesterday has probably forfeited her allowance of \$7,500, one of the conditions which was that she would not set foot on German soil. The condition, however, may not be enforced, as popular sympathy with the Countess is so strong already the court would avoid anything giving the impression of punishing the Countess for her total womanly feeling.

The version of the Countess's misadventure, commonly believed in the kingdom of Saxony, is that she is guilty of an intrigue of the centre party which is described as using unscrupulous means to prevent a strong Liberal from becoming queen. The circumstances of the Countess leaving the court are so overlaid with fiction that the truth probably will be unknown to the present generation of Saxony.

RUSSIAN AGITATION.

Movement For Reforms Has Not Been
Checked in Moscow.

(Associated Press.)
Moscow, Dec. 23.—Students of the university of Moscow have adopted resolutions denouncing the rector for prohibiting their meetings, declaring their determination to unceasingly strive for the liberation of the oppressed Fatherland, threatening that if they are punished for assembling they will organize manifestation in conjunction with the workmen.

Several groups of citizens have signed an address to the municipality expressing the strongest sympathy for constitutional reform. Everything is being done to bring about reforms that can possibly be done.

TORONTO MAYORALTY.

(Associated Press.)
Toronto, Dec. 23.—Mayor Urquhart was renominated for the mayoralty chair to-day along with George Gooderham and W. D. McPherson.

RUSSIANS ATTACKED GEN. OKU'S FORCE

BUT WERE REPULSED
WITH HEAVY LOSS

Fighting at Lamuting and Also on Extreme Left of the Japanese Line.

(Associated Press.)
General Oku's Headquarters, via Fusan, Thursday, Dec. 22.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The Russians along the front of Gen. Oku's army during the night of December 20th made a determined attack on Lamuting, but were driven back with heavy loss. The Japanese sustained no casualties.

Dismounted Russian cavalry attacked the cavalry on the extreme left of the Japanese line on the night of December 20th and 21st, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

Small details of Russians nightly attack Japanese outposts and patrols, but with small success.

NO LATE NEWS
FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Chosoo, Dec. 23.—No news was received here from Port Arthur to-day.

RUMORED ESCAPE OF
RUSSIAN DESTROYERS.

London, Dec. 23.—The Daily Telegraph's Chosoo correspondent reports that eight torpedo boat destroyers have escaped from Port Arthur, where for the last twenty-four hours, he says, a severe snowstorm has been raging.

FRENCH DEMAND

The Sultan of Morocco Must Explain His Recent Action and Make Reparation.

(Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 23.—The foreign office considers the situation in Morocco to be extremely grave. The Sultan's dismissal of his French advisers and other acts showing his intention to interrupt the execution of the French policy. Accordingly the French minister at Tangier has been instructed to secure the withdrawal from the Moroccan capital of the French consul, the commander and all the members of the military mission and all the French citizens unless the Sultan vacates his previous offensive action, and offers suitable explanation.

The French minister has been instructed to communicate this to the Sultan at the same time he notifies the consul, military men and citizens to prepare to depart.

The officials here say that no definite, military or naval steps, have yet been taken as these await the Sultan's response to the minister's demand, but a demonstration in force will follow if a suitable explanation and reparation are not promptly given.

JOINT HIGH COMMISSION.

Feeding in Canada is Against Its Being Again Called Together.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The reports from Washington in regard to reciprocity are correct in so far as they state that there is no feeling in favor of taking up the subject in Canada. There will be no summoning of the joint high commission in the near future. As a matter of fact, no such commission exists. There is no British commissioner, and the only Canadian commissioner left who is available is Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

THE YACHT RACE.

List of Entries Published in Berlin Not Official.

(Associated Press.)
Berlin, Dec. 23.—It developed to-day, upon investigation, that the list of American entries for the trans-Atlantic yacht race, published by the Lokal Anzeiger in dispatch from Kiel yesterday, although purporting to be official, was only the impression which the imperial yacht club's officials derived from American letters. The entries will not be officially announced until they are closed.

TWO MEN MISSING.

Lightkeeper and Assistant Believed to Have Lost Their Lives.

(Associated Press.)
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 23.—The tug Reid has returned from Caribou Island after an unsuccessful search for W. O. Demers, lightkeeper there, and Fred. Pelletier Demers, assistant, who have not been heard of for several weeks. There was no sign of life of any kind on the island, and it is feared that the two men perished in an attempt to reach the north shore in a small boat.

CLOSING HALIFAX DOCKYARD.

Stores Will Be Sent to Gibraltar—Workmen to Return to England.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—Advices were received from the admiralty to-day to sell all furniture in the dockyard, and also in the admiralty house and naval hospital. Stores of perishable nature are to be sent to Gibraltar and all workmen who come from England to be returned, with families, in transport to be sent.

TRADE MARKS IN CHINA.

(Associated Press.)
Pekin, Dec. 23.—In consequence of representations on the part of the German, Austrian, French and British ministers, the Chinese authorities have undertaken to discuss the proposed amendments to the trade marks regulations, and in the meantime not to register trade marks until all the powers are completely agreed on the subject.

CHURCH UNION.

Secretaries of Joint Committee Issue Statement Regarding the Conference at Toronto.

(Associated Press.)
Toronto, Dec. 23.—The secretaries of the joint committee on church union have issued an official synopsis of the proceedings of the conference. It contains little that is new. It states that the interchange of views was "marked by the utmost freedom, but was pervaded throughout by a spirit of kindness and mutual forbearance."

The Presbyterian and Congregational committees, as a result of their deliberations, reported without coming to a decision on the appointment of a committee, but the Methodist committee reported containing the expression of opinion, that while difficulties may present themselves in all of the churches there does not at present appear to be any insuperable barrier to a union of the churches as suggested and promoted by the general conference.

The statement concludes: "It should be understood that the committee will not be engaged at present in preparing a basis of union, but will meet for further conference to exchange views and to ascertain whether it be practicable to reach a common basis that might hereafter be submitted to the churches concerned. It was universally recognized in the joint committee that a question so important and far reaching in its results is not one to be unduly hurried; that a union of the church to be real and lasting must carry the consent of the entire membership, and that no final step could be taken until ample opportunity had been given to consider the whole question in the courts of the various churches and by people generally."

NEW STEAMERS FOR PACIFIC.

C. P. R. Vessels Will Run Between British Columbia and the Far East.

(Special to the Times.)
London, Dec. 23.—Two of the C. P. R. steamers which are being built by the Fairfield Company on the Clyde are for service between Vancouver and Victoria and Yokohama, and will be 550 feet long and 64 feet beam, with a speed of 19 knots.

FOG DISAPPEARING.

Improved Conditions in London—Traffic Still Interrupted in Many Parts.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 23.—The fog in London practically disappeared this afternoon before a westerly breeze. Reports from the coast show a continuance of the dislocation of traffic. According to a telegram from Liverpool at 10 o'clock this morning the White Star line steamers Ocean and Cedric were still fog-bound in the Mersey.

The vessels, said to be the Hamburg American liner Pretoria, reported off last night with others as being fog-bound in the Mersey, was not the Pretoria but the Altan liner Pretorian bound from Liverpool for St. John. The Pretorian having Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick of Cleveland, Ohio, and his daughter among her passengers, was last reported leaving Boulogne, Sur-Mer, on December 18th for New York, and is due December 25th or 26th.

NELSON'S MANAGER.

Puglist Says He Has Left Frisco, Talking With Him \$10,000.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Dec. 23.—"Bantling" Nelson, the puglist, applied last night for a warrant for the arrest of "Ted" Murphy, who has been his manager, alleging that Murphy has left the city, taking with him \$10,000 belonging to Nelson.

Under Arrest.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 23.—"Ted" Murphy, who is accused by "Bantling" Nelson of the larceny of \$10,000, has been arrested here on a Santa Fe train. Two hundred and fifty dollars were found on Murphy by the police. Murphy was greatly surprised at his arrest. He said that he did not have Nelson's money and that Nelson had bid him good-bye at the depot when he left San Francisco.

CITY MARSHAL KILLED.

Murder at Cleveland, Miss.—Seven Men Have Been Arrested.

(Associated Press.)
Cleveland, Miss., Dec. 23.—Albert Thomas, the city marshal of Merigold, has been killed by Robert Boss, a young man highly connected.

Seven men have been lodged in jail at Merigold for alleged connections with the crime. Mayor A. Saunders is included among the prisoners.

Details of the tragedy are meagre.

MASSACRED BY NATIVES.

Lieutenant and Thirty-seven Men Ambushed and Killed in the Philippines.

(Associated Press.)
Mantla, Dec. 23.—The Pulu Janes have ambushed and killed at Dolores, on the island of Samar, a lieutenant and 37 enlisted men of the 38th company of native scouts.

Two thousand Pulu Janes, it is said, threaten the town of Dolores and the situation is said to be critical. Lieut. Abbott, in command of the scouts, has requested that aid be sent him.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Steve Jones Invests in Terminal City Property—Well-Known Contractor Injured.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Steve Jones to-day paid \$45,000 cash for a lot on the northeast corner of Hastings and Homer streets, owned by David Spencer, Victoria.

Theodore Horrobin, a well-known contractor, fell from the roof of the old Masonic building at the corner of Cambie and Cordova streets at noon to-day. He fell 60 feet, alighting on his shoulder and smashing through four two-inch planks of the sidewalk. He was terribly bruised, but will probably recover.

The body of a Japanese was found to-day at North Vancouver with a bullet in the neck. It is probably a case of suicide.

JURY IN PATTERSON CASE DISCHARGED

WERE UNABLE TO
AGREE ON A VERDICT

District Attorney Says if Majority Favored Acquittal, the Proceedings May Be Dropped.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 23.—Even in the face of certain knowledge that news of the result of the jury's deliberations would not be forthcoming until after 10 o'clock to-day, scores of persons remained all night around the Criminal court building, hoping to be the first to hear the verdict in the case of Nan Patterson.

Driven from the building just before midnight, when the jury was locked up for the night by order of Justice Davis, the curious crowd gathered in little knots in sheltered places in the vicinity to wait and speculate and insure for themselves an advantageous position in the line when the doors were again opened to-day.

Even in those hours when the dim light which came through the windows of the jury room indicated that the jurors had given up their arguments for the night and were attempting to sleep, rumors from inside the building found their way to the patient waiters. The source of these rumors no one knew, and little faith was placed on their truthfulness.

In the early night mysterious information had it that the jury stood firm on the basis of nine for acquittal, one for conviction of murder in the second degree and two unable to agree upon the degree of manslaughter, of which they believed the prisoner guilty. Before daylight there had been a decided change in the sentiment of the jury, according to report which gained considerable circulation at the time, and had it that eleven jurors favored acquittal, with one holding out for conviction of murder in the first degree.

Of course there was absolutely nothing to substantiate these rumors, but every bit of gossip was anxiously seized upon by those who had waited so long. A little after 7 o'clock this morning the jurors, guarded by court officers, marched out to a nearby restaurant for their morning meal. As they came through the Franklin street exit the jurors met a crowd of no less than 200 persons. Nothing could be learned from the faces of the jurors, which expressed nothing but weariness.

Nan Patterson collapsed in the Tomb's today so completely that the efforts of the undertaker and warden and her father to help her were of no avail, and Dr. Levin, the physician at the prison, had to be called. She was revived considerably, but it was feared that she would collapse again when she went to the courtroom. As soon as she was completely composed she was led across the Bridge of Sighs to the Criminal court building. She was taken to the "pen" in the court building to wait until a verdict had been reached or some conclusion had been arrived at.

Failed to Agree.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mr. Justice Davis arrived in the courtroom shortly before 11:30 o'clock, and immediately sent an officer of the court to summon the jury to the courtroom presumably to inquire whether they had reached a verdict. The jury reported to the judge that they had been unable to agree on a verdict, and were sent back for further deliberation.

District Attorney Jerome said: "In event of the disagreement I will make an investigation of how the jury stands. If the overwhelming view of the jury is for acquittal there is a probability she will never be tried again."

At 12:51 the jury reported that they could not agree, and they were discharged. The jury was not polled.

When the jury came in at 12:50 Miss Patterson became nervous. The color of her face seemed to deepen, if that were possible, and her whole attitude showed that she was undergoing keen suffering. When the jury reported their disagreement and the justice discharged them, she turned to her father and threw herself on his shoulders, weeping bitterly. Up to that time she had seemed to be free in time to go home to Washington to spend Christmas with her mother. The old man tried to comfort her, but she fell fainting in his arms. The girl was revived from her fainting spell, but continued to sob hysterically.

Justice Davis thanked the jurors, and remanded Miss Patterson to the Tomb. She was led out sobbing violently and in a state of severe nervousness.

After the rest of the jury had left the courtroom, the foreman remained and had a consultation with Justice Davis. As the foreman of the jury left the courtroom he said the vote throughout had been six to six. He said six were for acquittal, but whether the others were for murder in the first degree or not he would not say.

The prosecuting attorney, Mr. Rand, would not say what the further course of the prosecution would be. The foreman said that only one verdict was taken. It was then found that there was such a vast difference of opinion that the remainder of the time was taken up in argument.

It was reported that the six votes for conviction stood as follows: One for murder in the second degree, two for manslaughter in the first degree, and three for manslaughter in the second degree. It is said there was no vote for murder in the first degree.

SIGNED BY KING PETER.

Freedom of the Press Is Practically Abolished in Serbia.

(Associated Press.)
Belgrade, Dec. 23.—King Peter to-day signed the new press law which practically abolishes freedom of the press in Serbia, though aimed principally at the anti-Dynastic and opposition papers.

—Flemish stoneware steins in two sizes at \$1.50 and \$2.50 each, at Weller Bros., Government street.

REVEREND DETECTIVE.

Nanaimo Clergyman Said to Have Visited Gambling Rooms in Disguise.

"At the meeting of the license commissioners of Nanaimo, held last evening, there was practically nothing done regarding the charge of gambling preferred against the Central hotel by Rev. R. R. Hughes," says the Nanaimo Herald.

"It is understood that an information has been laid by Rev. Mr. Hughes and will be sworn to before Police Magistrate Yarwood to-day, and a date set for the hearing of the case, probably at the beginning of next week."

The commissioners therefore laid the matter over for a week to allow of the case being tried.

"It is rumored," says the Herald, "that Rev. Mr. Hughes himself acted the part of private detective and attended in miner's working clothes, with black face and hands and put on his head, entered the Central hotel on a recent evening smoking a cigar. With a nod to the bar-keeper he passed on to the suspected room and found himself in the midst of a pretty swift game of black jack. Keeping his own counsel, so the story goes, he sat down to the table, called for a hand and played several rounds, with the result that he left the table a few dollars richer than when he sat down. He is supposed to have departed without even leaving a suspicion of his identity, and the game went on with the participants in blissful ignorance of the fact that they had been entertaining a preacher unwares."

It was at 1 o'clock in the morning of the night preceding the first meeting of the license commissioners that Rev. Mr. Hughes again paid a visit to the Central, this time in his regular ministerial garb, and informed Mr. Wilkinson that he intended to lay a charge of permitting gambling in the house against him, at the commissioners' meeting, and the best thing he could do was to plead guilty. If he wanted to save his distinguished patron an unpleasant exposure. It is said that Harry's mind instantly flashed back to the visit of the miner and he recalled that he seemed strangely unused to smoking for a miner. However, this precaution of danger passed away almost as quickly as it came, and he defied the reverend gentleman to do his worst."

DELIVERY OF MAILS.

Post Office Authorities Make Special Arrangements for Distribution of Christmas Parcels.

Owing to Christmas falling on Sunday the local postal authorities have found it necessary to make special arrangements for the distribution of mail. It is expected that a large amount will arrive from England, the United States and Eastern Canada to-night, to-morrow and Sunday morning.

It has been decided, therefore, to enlist the services of a number of express wagons in order that all parcels for Victoria and neighboring districts may be delivered before Christmas. This method will be adopted to-morrow should the weather be favorable. The parcels will be taken to the depot and the large mail looked for arrives. Thus, it is intended all packages, letters, etc., will be clear by Saturday night. On Monday morning the wagons will be employed again for the purpose of handling the mails of Saturday and Sunday nights as expeditiously as possible. By this arrangement Christmas gifts arriving by post for Victorians will be delivered in the shortest possible time after reaching here.

This, however, is not all that is being done to accommodate those expecting Christmas mail. The general delivery department will be open until 1 o'clock to-night, and to-morrow evening. Besides, arrangements have been made by the collector of customs to keep the appraiser's offices open until 8 o'clock on the evenings mentioned. The carrying out of this plan depends, of course, upon the arrival of the English and United States mails. If they are received as expected the office will be open as stated, and those receiving notice will be able to secure their parcels in time for Christmas.

RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Match Between Victoria and Vancouver Will Be Played on Monday at Terminal City.

Arrangements have been made for a championship football match between Victoria and Vancouver on Monday at the Terminal City.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "Captain Charlie Worsnop, of the local senior fifteen, received word from Victoria on Wednesday stating that the Capital City fifteen would be over on Monday next, and would play at 10 o'clock in the morning. The idea in having the game played in the morning is to enable the Victoria team to return home the same day."

"The local boys are in active training for the match, and feel confident that they can again administer a defeat to the warriors of the red and white. The latter club is sending up a strong aggregation, and from all accounts Captain Macrae expects to carry off the palm of victory. The Vancouver team will line up as follows: Full-back, Watson; three-quarters, Marpole, Jenkins, Johnston, Flood; half-backs, Savers, Dempster or Bojor; forwards, Battersell, Beaman, Ritchie, McCoskey, Piggett, Hugh Spranger, Templeton, Worsnop (captain)."

LEGAL NEWS.

In Chambers this morning Mr. Justice Martin disposed of the following applications:

Al. Sam vs. 43rd Mining Company—An application was made by Lindley Grease to retain \$2,120.25 out of the proceeds of execution. The order was made.

Re Lenora Mining Company—An application to amend the order of May, of this year, was made. The condition with respect to the payment into court was expunged. W. E. Oliver appeared on behalf of the liquidator; Thornton, Fell, J. H. Lawson and D. M. Rogers for creditors.

Re Victoria Tax Sale—Application was made as to service. The order was made, an advertisement to be inserted in paper.

Bryden et al vs. Helmsken—A motion was made with respect to the appointment of a receiver. C. H. Holland was appointed.

Hale vs. Atlin & Willow Creek Mining Company—On motion of A. E. Belyea a decree nisi for foreclosure was made.

HOLLY CUTTINGS FROM VICTORIA

HUNDREDS OF BOXES
SENT OUT BY TIMES

All the Leading Papers of the World
Receive Tasteful Souvenirs of
Victoria's Charms.

Victoria has long enjoyed proud distinction for its incomparable climate, and her fame in that respect is spreading year by year. Her midwinter gardens abloom with roses, carnations, violets, etc., giving forth blossom and fragrance regardless of the change of seasons, constitute one of the great attractions of the city, and is an asset of the first magnitude in pushing the claims of Victoria as the tourist resort of the Canadian West.

It is not, however, in regard to flowers that Victoria stands unique, for the coast cities can all boast of the same conditions to a more or less extent. It is as the "holly" city that she excels, for nowhere does the English variety, with its glorious green and its red berries, attain such perfection as in Victoria. The climatic conditions, florists state, are just what are required not only to mature the plant, but to cause it to berry as it does in the Old Land. This makes it a distinctive Victoria shrub, and one that is highly prized by all, because of its hoary Christmas associations, but especially by those who live in localities where its production is rendered impossible by climatic conditions.

It was to afford those less fortunate situated, as well as to assist in the work which the Tourist Association was organized to prosecute, that the Times this winter undertook to furnish the outside and holly-less world with sprigs from local gardens. Several hundred boxes containing typical berries sprigs of holly and a nosegay of violets, or other flower, were sent out last week with the compliments of the Times to all parts of the world. Most of these went to the leading newspapers of England, Ireland, Scotland, the United States, Australia and Canada, each of the special correspondents of the Times in Canada, the States and England, the different advertising agencies with which the Times has business, and others, received one of these souvenirs. The newspapers included all the leading papers, from the London Times down.

In addition to these a number of prominent people in political and business life in Eastern Canada were remembered.

The whole venture was carried out locally, the holly and violets being from the garden of R. H. Johnson & Co., and the boxes being specially manufactured by Hibben & Co. The cover of the boxes bore a tasteful design in two colors, red and green, designed and executed by the B. C. Engraving Company, of this city. The words "Xmas Greetings" were enclosed in a holly wreath in the upper corner, the red and the green being brought out in the natural colors. In addition the cover bore the words: "From the Times Printing & Publishing Company, Limited, Victoria, B. C. Gathered in Victoria Gardens, Xmas, 1904."

Already appreciative notices are beginning to be received from nearby recipients of the souvenirs.

CLOSING ENTERTAINMENT.

Miss Kito's Pupils Gave Enjoyable Exercises—The Programme.

Miss Kito's pupils and the friends who so kindly assisted them are to be congratulated on the excellence of the performance they gave last Wednesday evening. It would be invidious to draw distinctions, for all the children played their parts well, and the sweet music, dainty dresses and graceful dances only served to lighten the effect of an entertainment most charmingly rendered.

Following was the programme:

"White Magic."
Queen N. Lugin
Witch M. Rickaby
Princess S. Davidson
Prince F. Bagshaw
Ridder (his cousin) F. Bagshaw
Forest Lady W. Wandle
Fairies C. and R. Davidson, G. Patterson, R. Challoner.

"In Arcady."

Sylvia D. O. Irving
Dick B. Worsnop
Shepherdesses W. Wandle, S. Davidson, D. Dickson
Shepherds A. Wandle, A. Rochford, F. Bagshaw
Great-Great-Grandmother D. Bagshaw
Great-Great-Grandfather W. Wandle

MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE.

Tourist Association Preparing For Summer Months—To Make Rooms More Attractive.

Members of the executive of the Tourist Association are showing commendable activity in the preparations for the heavy travel expected to commence in the spring. Not only will advertising on an extensive scale be undertaken, but the Port street rooms are to be fitted up in as attractive a manner as possible. The fruit exhibit will be augmented by specimens of all varieties grown in British Columbia, and it is the intention to display a part of the splendid collection of local views secured by H. Campbell during the past three years. Besides there will be an exhibit of manual training work by local pupils. These, with other features not yet decided upon, will make the rooms bright and cheerful, and enable visitors to spend their time in a profitable study of local agricultural, mineral, scale, etc., which is already a first display of specimens on view—and other resources. Of course it is as yet premature to discuss the Tourist Association's plans for the summer, but Victorians may rest assured that their policy will be enterprising and aggressive, and will result in bringing a large percentage of those visiting the Portland exhibition, as well as ordinary tourists, to this city.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report Published by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 23-5 a. m.—The storm
area of yesterday is still central over
Vancouver Island and the southern
Mainland; the wind force was excessive from the
Columbia river northward, with apparently
higher velocities on the Straits, the records
here showing over 50 miles an hour.
The rainfall was general on the Coast from
British Columbia to lower California, with
heavy falls of 1.18 inches at Northhead
and 1.42 at San Diego; snow fell at Barker-
ville, New Westminster, on Vancouver Is-
land and inland on the higher levels of the
Pacific Coast states. In the Northwest an
extensive high barometer area is centered in
Manitoba, snow has fallen at many points,
and the weather is chiefly fair and very cold
with minimum temperature reaching 32 de-
grees below zero at Prince Rupert.

Forecasts.
For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday,
Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong
westerly winds or gales, continued un-
settled and cold, with occasional snow or rain.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate
winds, fresh or strong on Straits, unsettled
and cold, with snow or sleet.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.42; temperature,
42; minimum, 39; wind, 28 miles S. W.;
rain, .07; weather, rain.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.40; tem-
perature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, 6 miles
E. S. E.; rain, .38; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.38; temperature,
32; minimum, 28; wind, 8 miles S. E.;
weather, cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.52; tem-
perature, 12; minimum, 12; wind, calm; snow,
30; weather, snow.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.00; tem-
perature, 48; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles
S. E.; rain, .26; weather, rain.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.92; tem-
perature, 10 below; minimum, 12 below; wind,
8 miles N. E.; snow, .34; weather, fair.

PASSENGERS.
Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seat-
tle—E. J. Coyle, B. W. Greer, G. H. Judges,
C. T. Parsons, Lillian M. Clancy, J. Burr
Gibbons, W. A. Page, M. K. Terry,
Dollie Belmont, Mrs. H. Browne, H. Pa-
nson, C. E. Fowler, Robt. A. Fraser, Mrs. J.
Menden, Frank S. Gibbons, Mrs. J. Ogden,
Miss N. Murphy, Harry F. Carter, H. Elliott,
R. D. Erickson, R. W. Davies, Mrs. B. Abous,
Mrs. Matthews, Stephen L. Coles, E. B.
Marsh, J. W. Misenor, C. L. Hunt, John F.
Scott, Miss C. Ford, H. A. Rose, Jane Mc-
Kinnon, M. McKinnon, L. W. McDowell, Geo.
Snedden, J. Mitchell, Geo. W. Penketh, John
George, J. H. Farrell, H. B. Wadsworth, E.
Barlind, A. E. Barrett, Mrs. W. H. Justison,
Mrs. Blood, Mrs. Kelsey, J. C. Carruthers,
E. Welch, Mrs. Welch, Pretty Peggy The-
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northwest of Tangier, states that tribes-
men have surrounded that place and
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**CAPITAL PROGRAMME
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There Was a Large Attendance, Those
Present Being Guests of Sena-
tor Templeman.

At the A. O. U. W. hall last evening
Senator Templeman entertained mem-
bers of the local Liberal associations and
those who assisted in the recent cam-
paign to a smoking concert. There was
about 150 in attendance. Nothing neces-
sary for the success of the function was
omitted, the committee in charge of the
arrangements attending to every detail
with commendable thoroughness. Tables
laden with refreshments were placed on
each side of the hall, and plenty of cigars
and tobacco were distributed. Besides
this the programme included a number
of excellent vocal selections, recitations,
etc., and, judging by the enthusiasm with
which each number was received, every-
one spent a very pleasant evening.

The chair, was occupied by W. E.
Ditchburn, and among those present were
Senator Templeman, Joshua Kincham,
president of the Liberal Association; A.
B. Fraser, jr., secretary of the associa-
tion; C. J. V. Spratt, president of the
Young Liberal's Club; Dave Leeming,
secretary of the club; W. G. Cameron,
M. P. P. J. D. McNeil, M. P. P.,
Richard Hall, M. P. P., L. C. Conroy,
E. Milroy, C. H. Lugin, Rev. Elliott S.
Rowe, A. B. McNeill, James Bell, J. T.
McIlroy, J. G. Cox, E. Kermode, S. M.
O'Neil, R. B. McKicking, W. K. Hous-
ton, G. T. Walker, Dr. Milne, J. Peir-
son, Root, Dunn, E. McDougall and Jas.
Tage.

Mr. Ditchburn first called upon A. Par-
fitt for "The Maple Leaf," after which
Senator Templeman made a brief ad-
dress.

In his introductory remarks he explained
that the concert had been arranged
for the purpose of bringing together
those who had labored so energetically
and successfully in the interests of the
Liberal party during the recent cam-
paign. Credit had been given him for
that great victory. He thought, how-
ever, that it was due to the party, be-
cause of the rank and file, which, by pre-
sented an unbroken front, had completely
routed their opponents. In a short time
he was going to Ottawa, and would be
pleased to receive and consider any re-
quest which proved to be in the in-
terests of the country, and to be able
to see so many familiar faces, and hoped
all would enjoy the entertainment.

A piano solo was then given by Mr.
Burkes, followed by a selection from F.
Schl. who was accorded an enthusiastic
encore. W. K. Houston gave a recita-
tion entitled "Hercules at the Bridge,"
and responding to an impromptu encore
recited in splendid style "Barbara
Fréchet." R. C. Grant followed with
a song, and also was honored with an
encore. When J. Kincham was called
upon by the chairman for a solo he was
greeted with vociferous cheers. His se-
lection was encored, and responding he
gave an excellent comic song. Mr.
Burkes, who presided at the piano, then
sang, and was followed by R. C. Grant
and P. Richardson. The latter gave a
comic of comic selections in his own
imitable style. The first, entitled
"Everybody's Awfully Good to Me,"
was loudly applauded. As an encore Mr.
Richardson rendered "Mrs. Enry
"Awkins." This effort also was cheered
enthusiastically.

A short intermission was then an-
nounced to allow time for purchase
of some of the good things provided. An
excellent repast having been done full
justice, the second portion of the pro-
gramme was introduced. This consisted
of half an hour's entertainment by the
Pierrots. They rendered a number of
comic songs and sketches. His se-
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Burkes, who presided at the piano, then
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CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS.

Enjoyable Recital at B. C. Young Ladies'
College.

A very enjoyable "At Home" closed
the work of the British Columbia Ladies'
College for the Christmas holidays on
Wednesday evening last. Though the
weather was quite unfavorable, a large
number of the friends of the college were
present, and all enjoyed themselves
heartily. Every number on the pro-
gramme was excellent, and it is not be-
yond the mark to say that this young in-
stitution is taking a front place in the
musical and literary training schools of
the province. It is understood that the
aim is to prepare a large class for the
examinations to be held next summer by
the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and
judging by the exhibition of last Wednes-
day evening considerable advance has
been made already toward that end. At
the close of the programme refreshments
were served in the large class room.

The programme was as follows:

PART I.
Vocal—The Three Fishers..... Hullah
(a) Miss Gertrude McKinnon.
Violin Duet—Romance..... Tolhurst
(b) Miss Nora McCoy and Mr. Longfield.
Piano—Sonata in G, Op. 40..... Beethoven
Prelude..... Rogers
(c) Miss Marjory Simon.
Vocal—When the Heart is Young..... Buck
(a) Miss Kate Lovell.
Reading—Children of the Bonnet Rouge..... Hugo
(b) Miss Underhill.
Vocal—Era l'April Gio Condo..... Rotall
(a) Miss Alberta Beaton.

PART II.
Piano—Fantasia Impromptu..... Chopin
Mrs. Boulton.
Vocal—He Was Despaired (Messiah)..... Handel
(a) Miss Sara McLane.
Violin—Simple Aven..... Thorne
Miss Nora McCoy.
Original Sketch—Cherubs Entertain.....
Miss Underhill.
Vocal—Elizabeth's Prayer..... Wagner
Miss McCoy.

(a) Pupil of Miss McCoy; (b) Pupil of Mr.
Longfield; (c) Pupil of Mrs. Garrett Smith.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of
Massachusetts, numbering 30,000 mem-
bers, went on record Thursday as oppos-
ing a treaty of arbitration between the
United States and Great Britain. Let-
ters of protest, enclosing the resolutions,
were sent from the state headquarters
to the presidents of each division of the
order.

Noah Shakespeare made a few com-
plimentary remarks during the evening.
He congratulated the principal, his wife
and staff of teachers on the astonishing
success which was attending their enter-
prise. From the most insignificant be-
ginnings the Twentieth Century Busi-
ness College had grown to be something
which was attracting attention not only
all over this city, but also throughout the
province, owing to the remarkable re-
sults attained by its pupils, both in short-
hand and in typewriting. Mr. Shake-
speare said he found it comparatively
easy to prophesy in regard to the Twen-
tieth Century Business College that,
great as had been the advance made, it
was only in the first stage of its career
and usefulness.

The principal replied in suitable terms,
and expressed the hope that the dis-
cussion would come when the college would
have not one hundred students, as it had to-
day, but five hundred, preparing them-
selves for useful lives in many capacities
in the world of business.

The new college is splendidly fitted up
for the purposes of instruction. There
is a direct flow of daylight in all the
rooms, while the provision for lighting
at night is also thoroughly efficient. The
typewriter desks are arranged on an in-
genious plan for the accommodation of
the students, and the arrangement is the
invention of Mr. Printz himself. There
is a large lecture hall situated in the
corner of the building overlooking Yates
and Broad streets, and here the ad-
dresses to the pupils en masse will be
given by the teaching staff. The rooms
are fitted up in the most modern manner

Among those who attended the opening
were: Mrs. Black, Miss Black, Mrs.
Bowen, Mr. James, Jr., Hugh Baker,
Miss Bishop, Madge Bishop, Mrs. Gra-
ham, Chas. Holcombe, Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Wilby,
Miss Seaver, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Wilby,
Miss Hicks, Mr. Carter, Mrs. Bone, Miss
Bone, Miss Murray, Mr. Bailey, Mrs.
Bailey, Mrs. (Dr.) Hall, Mrs. Bailey,
Mr. Taylor, Mr. Black, Mr. Lee, Mrs.
Lee, Mr. Cornwall, Miss Nicholles, N.
Shakespeare, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. N.
Shakespeare, Miss Emily Nicholles, Mr.
Graham, Miss Lombard, Miss Gra-
hame, Mrs. Graham, Miss Danier, Miss
Reynard, Miss Carr, C. Hopper, Miss
Hopper, Miss Giddings, E. Saunders,
Mrs. Sanderson, Miss Atwood, Miss
Wilson, Major Nicholles, Mrs. Nicholles,
Misses Fox, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Cowper,
Mrs. Cowper, Miss Cowper, Miss Harris,
Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Behnson, Miss Behn-
son, Mr. Sommers, Mr. J. Sommers, Dr.
Lewis Hall, H. W. Northcott, W. H.
Bone, Edgar Ashton and P. Shake-
speare.

TIME FOR TENDERS
IS FURTHER EXTENDED

For Foreshore Leases—Appointments in
Current Gazette—Supreme Court
Christmas Vacations.

In the current issue of the B. C.
Gazette notice is given that the time for
receiving tenders for leases of foreshore
for salmon fishing purposes is extended
up to and including Wednesday, Febru-
ary 1st.

This Gazette also contains the follow-
ing appointments:

William H. Sutherland, of the city of
Revelstoke, M. D., to act as deputy of
James Wm. Cross, M. D., coroner.

James R. Brown, of Fairview, mining
recorder, to be acting government agent,
acting gold commissioner, for the Ope-
yoo mining division, acting registrar of
marriages, acting registrar of the
County court of Yale, holden at Fair-
view, acting registrar of voters for the
Similkameen electoral district, and re-
cording officer under the Cattle Act for
the Similkameen cattle district, during
the absence upon leave of Charles A. R.
Lambly.

Alexander Shields, of Kamloops, and
Austin Henry Clements, of Nelson, to be
justices of the peace within and for the
province of British Columbia.

There will be no sitting in Court of
Chambers during the Christmas vaca-
tion.

During the Christmas vacation all ap-
plications "which may require to be im-
mediately or promptly heard" are to be
made to the Hon. Mr. Justice Irving,
who will act as vacation judge, the re-
gistrar arranging an appointment, if
necessary.

Applications in urgent matters may
also be made by post. In such case the
application should be accompanied by an
office copy of the affidavits in support of
the application, and also, on a separate
sheet of paper, by a draft of the order
proposed.

On applications for injunction (in ad-
dition to the above) a copy of the writ
and a certificate of writ issued must
also be sent.

Papers sent to the judge will be re-
turned to the registrar.

The address of the vacation judge can
be obtained on application at the regis-
trar's office.

The following companies have been in-
corporated:
Bannockburn Mines, capital, \$500,
000.
Violin Lake Lumber Company, cap-
ital, \$50,000.

A court of revision and appeal, under
the provisions of the Assessment Act, for
New Westminster district, will be held at
the court house, New Westminster, on
Friday, December 30th, 1904, at 10
o'clock in the forenoon.

Notice is given that all placer mining
claims legally held in the Alberni, Clayo-
quot and Quatsino mining divisions, are
laid over from this date until May 1st,
1905.

Notice is given of the assignment of
Thomas Mowley, of New, lately carrying
on business as Morley & Co., station-
ers.

The resignation of Louis J. Seymour
as justice of the peace has been accepted.

ASSAY RATES.
Scale of Prices Adopted by the B. C.
Institute of Assayers.

Last week there was a well attended
meeting of the B. C. Institute of Assay-
ers held in the Hotel Allan at Rossland.
L. C. Wynne, of the Le Roi, was in the
chair.

The following officers were elected for
1905: President, William F. Robertson,
provincial mineralogist, Victoria; vice-
president, A. J. McNab, Canada smelt-
ing works, Trail; secretary-treasurer,
A. H. Cole, Centre mine, Ross-
land. The following named, in addition
to the officers elected, constitute the
members of the council: J. Cuthbert
Welch, smelter manager, Montreal &
Boston Copper Company, Boundary
Falls; Alex. McKillop, Nelson; Thomas
Kiddie, smelter manager, Tyeo Copper
Company, Ledyard; Herbert Carmichael,
provincial assayer, Victoria.

The treasurer's report showed the in-
stitute to be in a very flourishing con-
dition, both in regard to membership and
financial condition. Any assayer holding
a British Columbia certificate of effi-
ciency in assaying is eligible for mem-
bership in the institute.

The committee appointed to draw up
a scale of minimum assay charges re-
ported the following, which was adopted,
and is now recommended by the
institute for use throughout the prov-
ince:

Fire Assays—Gold, \$1.50; silver, \$1;
lead, \$1.50; gold, silver and copper in
one sample, \$3; gold, silver and lead in
one sample, \$3.

Wet Assays—Alumina, \$2.50; antimony,
\$3; arsenic, \$5; chromite, \$8; cobalt and
nickel, not separated, \$5; cobalt separa-
ted from nickel, \$10; copper, \$2; iron, \$2;
lead, \$2; lime, \$2.50; magnesia, \$3; man-
ganese, \$5; nickel separated from co-
balt, \$10; phosphorus, rough determina-
tion in an ore, \$5; silica, \$3; silica, in-
soluble matter, no fusion, \$1; sulphur,
\$3; zinc, \$2.50.

For control work, i. e., assayed in
duplicate, add 50 per cent. to above
figures. For impure work, i. e., assayed
in triplicate, or more, double above fig-
ures. Discounts—When five samples are
submitted at one time, 10 per cent.;
when ten or more samples are submitted
at one time, 20 per cent.

Two interesting papers were read, and
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Men's Caps... .25 to .75
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Men's Overcoats... 7.00 to 16.00
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PONDEROUS PLATITUDES.

Readers of the newspapers are at present being treated to some very deep and aimless, and undoubtedly in some cases insincere, disquisitions on the alleged weaknesses of our free school system. We think it has been remarked more than once that man is not perfect in all his appointments. Experience seems to confirm this pronouncement. It follows naturally, therefore, that the works of man for the greater part fall short of his ideals. The educational system which is common to all parts of this continent is open to the criticism that it does not turn out perfect citizens. But is it true that it turns out a large percentage of drones? We do not believe anything of the kind. We know that such a statement is reckless and absolutely insupportable of demonstration. In the United States, where for generations education has been free, there is the most energetic, the most ingenious, the most adaptable, the most industrious and the most patriotic population that in the history of the world has ever been collected under one flag. Our educational system is modelled after that of the American republic. Is the Canadian youth noted for the failures he has made in commercial life, or for his manifest inability to adorn any particular calling to which he bends his energies? Our impression has been that Young Canada was in particular demand wherever the vast potentialities of this magnificent continent were in process of development. Those impressions were made by a by no means systematic study of newspapers and other publications dated from all parts of the English-speaking world. Further, it is our candid opinion that the drones which have fastened themselves upon the life of this community—and what is true of this community is true of every other community in Canada—are not the products of our school system, but of an educational system which is not free. That is, if they are the products of any educational system, and not of a false and artificial social system. Our belief is that if a youth be brought up in an atmosphere in which healthy and normal ideals of life are inculcated, the more thorough the education he receives the better he will be fitted for any calling he may select as his life's work. That proposition has been proved in the experience of Canadians already, young as they are considered from a national point of view. In the early days of the Eastern settlements the farmer was a mere laborer. There was no intelligent purpose in his operations. There was no special study of conditions, no attempt to co-operate with soil and climate in the production of results. He gave no heed to markets. If there happened to be a demand for his goods, all was well. If the markets were unfavorable, the luck was against him, and he hoped war would break out somewhere and in some inexplicable manner inflate prices. He butted along, trusting to the fates to give him good crops and a rising market. When some far-seeing statesman perceived that education alone could rehabilitate the farmer and proceeded to establish agricultural colleges, he was held in derision. The graduates of his institution were despised and condemned as agricultural fops. But in twenty years the system of farming has been completely changed under the influence of the despised agricultural colleges. The business is now conducted with some reference to markets and to the maintenance of the fertility of the soil. Agriculture is the pursuit of a scientist or a professional man, not the occupation of an unthinking, unreasoning drudge.

Opponents of free schools may be able to prove that there are weaknesses in our educational system, but they will never convince this community that the defects are such as to call for any reform that would involve one backward step. The state educates and fits teachers for their profession because it is of transcendent importance that the citizens of the future shall be as thoroughly qualified as education can make them for the discharge of the duties of life.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA'S
GRAND LAMA.**

Don't raise, an unhallowed hand against the anointed head of Premier McBride. To do so is to be guilty of lese majesty, or some offence equally heinous. That revered head has humbled itself in the dust before the Socialists who keep it in power. It has appended to the elements it has deceived with false promises for yet a little time to develop a programme of provincial development. The fact that the hallowed head has done nothing but increase taxation, hamper every industry in the province and tell its able assistants in the government to eat, drink, be merry, and have a good time in the countries in which there are exceptional opportunities for enjoyment—all the short-comings which in a mere ordinary politician would be sure to invite condemnation—must be put aside. Let the orgies continue for an indefinite period, because if the Liberal opposition should be evolved into a Liberal government its policy must necessarily be dictated from Ottawa, and be subservient to the desires of the rampant Liberalism which rules Canada to her hurt. Such is the impregnable rock upon which the rump of

swearable, the logic is irrefragable. And yet the rampant Liberals will continue to pursue that sacred head, and they will not cease their persecution until the said head is rolling in the dust which has become its natural element. It has been demonstrated that British Columbia is Liberal, and there can be no political peace until a government in harmony with the sentiments of the people is installed across the bay. Appeals for mercy and for clemency to the revered head will be vain. There are seven Conservative representatives in the Quebec Legislature, two in the Nova Scotia House, and in Prince Edward Island the ratio of representation is about the same. In British Columbia, if the will of the people prevailed, there would be about four.

RUSSIAN AMBITIONS.

The onerous Russia is raising about the perditional conduct of Britain in taking advantage of her present extremity to make straight and clear the path to India reveals the true ambitions of the Muscovite. Nothing, apparently, can quench his appetite for new possessions. A St. Petersburg newspaper raises a cry of alarm over "the successive encroachments of Great Britain in southeast Persia." It argues that if once that region falls definitely into British hands Russia can have no direct access to the Indian Ocean, while the Persian Gulf will be a British possession and of no use to Russia in any way. "Our whole movement to the south in the Middle East," it continues, "will have come to nought. We shall have to content ourselves with the sands of Turkestan and give up our most ardent aspirations and tendencies. The war may be told that this is an inopportune moment for mentioning the matter, inasmuch as before the war with Japan is over we cannot even think of an active policy in the nearer East. Such a view, however, may result in our finding ourselves, after being victorious in the Far East, beaten in the political field in the near and middle East. As our interests in these two regions are far more important than any we have on the coasts of the Pacific, we shall thus lose more than we shall have gained by bringing the war to a victorious conclusion." It then goes on to argue that Russia must defend her interests in the near and middle East with greater vigor than ever, inasmuch as they are now more menaced. The British expedition to south-east Persia is a danger which must be counteracted. The journal in question knows too well, it says, what is apt to come of British commercial expeditions.

The expected has happened in the Nan Patterson case. The jury failed to agree. The district attorney of New York threatens to drop proceedings if it develops that the majority of the jury were in favor of acquittal. If he does that there will be a serious disarrangement of a programme and a marked departure from precedent. Such a promising lead as that developed by Miss Patterson has not been nearly worked out. But to discharge the prisoner would be a great saving of costs to the state. There is no possibility of a conviction.

The arrival in these waters of the gigantic Minnesota is the beginning of another stage in the advancement of commerce in the Pacific. The new monarch of the deep would make the Abyssinia, the largest of the pioneer trans-Pacific steamers of the Northwest, look almost like a C. P. R. west coaster. The march of improvement will be more rapid from this time onward, but we have yet a long way to go before we catch up with the naval palaces of the Atlantic.

The Associated Press dispatches tell us that Emperor William has put up his maulers and invited the British to "come on." If they don't want to fight let them cease their chatter about the menacing naval programme of the Fatherland. A very probable story, truly. Great states

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do not conduct their diplomatic business through sovereigns in these days of responsible government. The German people may look on in tolerant hilarity while William directs musical affairs and issues decrees with reference to the arts, science and religion, but when the momentous issues of peace and war arise, they will prefer to be guided by the counsels of their elected and selected representatives.

THE DESIRABLE MAN.

New York Tribune.
"J. Pierpont Morgan is a very quiet man," said a Wall street broker. "He speaks only when he has something to say."
"Recently he wanted to get a superintendent for a certain new department that he had established. He thought he knew the man for this superintendency—an assistant to one of his colleagues. He sent for the colleague and said:
"I am setting up, you know, a certain new department. I shall want a new superintendent. I think Brown in your office would fill the place very well indeed."
"I am sure he would," said the other.

"The only trouble is, Mr. Morgan, Brown can't be spared."
"Mr. Morgan's eyes lit up, and he smiled. "I don't want a man that can be spared," he said."

THE REWARD OF MERIT.

The Khan in Hamilton Herald.
They live on a rented farm somewhere in Glamorgan, and they came to town this morning on business—the father and son—the latter a sturdy, wholesome little lad about 12 years of age. A few city boys in the group on the corner had been gazing at him, but so far he had taken it all in good part. An auto came rushing past, and the little fellow in a spasm of astonishment and delight cried out:
"Oh, daddy, come and look at the automobile!"
The city lads shrieked with laughter, and the country boy, his face aflame, picked out the biggest in the bunch and handed him a jolt that filled him with amazement. His father handed him 50c for spending money, not because he fought, but because he picked out a boy that was bigger than himself.

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NAIL SCISSORS—50c., 75c. and \$1.00.
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Gifts for Men

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SHAVING SETS.
SHAVING GLASSES, Triplicate and Magnifying—50c. to \$4.50.
SHAVING BRUSHES—25c. to \$2.00.
SHAVING SOAP AND CREAMS—25c., 35c. and 50c.
RAZORS (Guaranteed Kind)—\$1.00 to \$2.00.
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LARGE BATH SPONGES AND FOLDERS—50c. to \$4.00.
TRAVELING CASES, in Leather—\$5.00 to \$15.00.
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—Electric Fixtures, Hinton Electric Co.

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NO. 2 VIEW ST.

—There will be a full practice of the junior football team at Beacon Hill at 2:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

—According to a private message received in Nanaimo the steamer Wyndham will leave San Francisco for an unnamed Russian port with a cargo of flour.

—Yesterday the Young Men's Christian Association received a gift of \$25 from W. R. Robb, of Comox. Secretary Northcott gratefully acknowledges the generous donation.

—Mr. Justice Irving, of the Supreme court of British Columbia, has undergone an operation for appendicitis. The operation took place in the Jubilee hospital on Wednesday, and the patient is doing remarkably well.

—The conspiracy case is still in progress before Judge Harrison. Lin Sam is in the witness stand, and is being cross-examined as to the part which he took in the alleged conspiracy. This began yesterday afternoon, and was continued this forenoon.

—The sneak thief was busy at Shawinigan Lake on Wednesday afternoon. He entered the house of Frank Elford while the latter was away, and made off with a suit of clothes in which was a watch and chain. The local police were notified, but in the absence of any clue to the identity of the man it is hardly likely he will be caught.

—The third annual banquet of the Victoria newsmen will be given by the Colonist Printing & Publishing Co. at the Hotel Davies on the evening of the 27th. The youngsters are looking forward to the coming treat with pleasurable anticipation, recalling the delights of the two previous feasts. These, it will be remembered, were given by Richard Hall, M. P., and Senator Templeman respectively.

—An express driver met with a misadventure on View street yesterday afternoon. He was driving towards Dominion street, and just as he reached the corner a heavy gust of wind removed the wagon top. The driver was carried away with it, and being entangled in the reins was dragged across the street. Sgt. Redgrave hastened to his assistance, and reaching the wagon top, the driver received several cuts on the head.

—A quiet wedding took place at Christ Church cathedral on Wednesday evening, when Mr. George E. Frederick Sutton, of this city, and Miss Emily Jane Middleton, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hugh Allen. Later, the happy couple, together with a number of guests, enjoyed a wedding supper at the residence of Mr. Callow, Fort street. A large array of presents testified to the popularity of the newly married couple.

—The manager of the Seamen's Institute thankfully acknowledges the receipt of reading matter during the month of November from the following: Miss Jessie Mason, Mrs. R. Maynard, Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, Mrs. Wm. Atkins, Mrs. P. K. Turner, the Lord Bishop of Columbia, the Navy League (Victoria-Esquimalt branch), B. C. the Municipal Council (D. W. Higgins's book "The Mystic Spring"), Mr. Thos. Earle, M. P., Mr. John H. Teo, Mr. J. C. Mackay, Mr. David A. N. Ogilvy, Mr. H. Barnett, the Times and Colonist daily papers, the weekly paper Progress, and one anonymous donor.

—At a meeting of the school board last evening a letter was received from the secretary of the Vancouver board, asking for the local trustees' opinions regarding a conference to discuss amendments to the School Act. The secretary was instructed to inform the writer that the Victoria board would be represented. The board authorized the secretary to arrange for a formal tree planting at the High school grounds on the opening day of next term. Principal Gillis was granted two months' leave of absence—from January 1st. The board decided to grant permission to attend the Mainland teachers' convention to those who intended reading papers. The superintendent was authorized to make provisional arrangements for a teacher for the High school for the coming term, as it was not deemed expedient to make a permanent appointment at present.

—A very recherche decoration just arrived is the "Old Greek" in classical and mythological treatments. We have just opened out a very choice assortment, including jugs, vases, urns, and other objects, etc., at very moderate prices. Weller Bros.

—H. H. Abbott, 86 Government street, is the man to see before purchasing your tickets to the Old Country. He is agent for all lines.

—With every 50c. order of tea or coffee you get a Christmas present at Italian & Wyndham, Ltd., 25 Government street, opposite post office.

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GIANT FREIGHTER REACHES VICTORIA

CAST ANCHOR IN THE STRAITS YESTERDAY

Visited by Number of Victorians To-day
—Largest Vessel That Ever Entered the Roads.

The monster liner Minnesota, the largest freighter in the world, the ship built by the Great Northern Railway Company for the trans-Pacific service, arrived off the quarantine station, Williams Head, last evening. Arrangements had been made by the local agent of the company, K. J. Burns, for prominent merchants and press representatives to visit her as she lay at anchor off this port, but owing to the storm last night it was deemed inadvisable to make the trip. This morning, however, the steamer Otter, which had been secured for the purpose, made a trip to the huge steamer, carrying quite a number of Victorians who were anxious to inspect what must be regarded as the nearest approach to perfection in merchant marine architecture that has ever been seen on this coast.

The Otter was quite busy during the day in conveying to the ship the Chinese crew who had been detained at the outer docks for the past fortnight or so, waiting for arrival.

J. D. Farrell, of the Great Northern railway, arrived by the steamer Princess Beatrice yesterday afternoon to meet the liner. He was accompanied by Barney Barron and H. B. Wadsworth, mining men of Spokane; Stephen L. Coles, of the Railway and Marine News, Seattle; L. W. Macdowell, marine editor of the Seattle Times; and C. L. Hunt, marine editor of the Seattle Star.

The Minnesota was a big surprise to those people who have been expecting to see in her only a mammoth freight carrier. She is a great warehouse, true enough, so far as capacity for freight is concerned, having a gross tonnage of 20,718; but an inspection of the steamer reveals the fact that, as a passenger ship, the Minnesota is equal to anything that now sails in the Pacific between the Coast and China. In finish, generous allotment of space and modern conveniences for the first class passenger; in the manifold uses of electricity in all her departments and in her great size, this latest comer to the Pacific coast is an object lesson in shipbuilding. In every thing except speed the big Minnesota appears to be deserving of undisturbed praise. But she is not slow, her trial trip from Philadelphia to Norfolk on September 12th having shown a speed of 17.25 knots an hour.

In length the Minnesota measures 630 feet and her breadth is 73.6 feet. Her navigating bridge is 90 feet above the keel and 65 feet above the water. Beginning at the bottom, her decks are the lower deck, orlop, 'tween deck, main, upper, bridge and boat-decks. There are eighteen hatches and seventy-two cargo-booms, one of these having a capacity for lifting a weight of forty-five tons. In her hold the Minnesota can carry 22,740 tons dead weight of freight and much more than that in measurement. Vastness is a characteristic of the steamer from end to end. Even the one huge smokestack is remarkable for its nine-ton feet in diameter lengthwise of the ship, sixteen feet in diameter from side to side, and towers at least fifty feet above the boat-deck.

Electricity plays a great part in the handling of the vessel. She is steered by electricity, her side and mast lights are electric, the whistles are operated by this agent, elevators and coal conveyors are operated by electricity, and in the spacious galley even broilers and hot-water pans are run by the magic fluid that Ben Franklin coasted from the clouds. Electric instead of steam heaters are in the staterooms. Twenty-two miles of wire are used in the intricate telephone system on the steamer, with phones in every room, all in touch with a central station. There are on board ninety-nine dynamo and motor, and the room containing them looks like the powerhouse of a big manufacturing plant ashore. A Clayton fumigating and disinfecting plant provides protection in all parts of the vessel against fire, foul air and vermin.

As a floating hotel she has no equal on the Pacific, and the burden of fifteen miles of freight cars can be stowed away in her hold.

She is said to have cost more than \$2,000,000, and she looks like the price. When carrying 23,800 tons dead weight the Minnesota draws thirty-eight feet of water. She has accommodations for 250

first cabin passengers, 68 intermediate passengers and 1,424 steerage or 1,224 troops.

The ship has a double bottom practically the entire length; that is, there is a water-tight steel deck laid six feet from the bottom extending from stem to stern and from side to side. Thus if the outer shell of plating should be punctured by the vessel going on a reef, the water could not pass the inner bottom. Also there are numerous steel bulkheads extending from the bottom up to the main deck the entire width of the ship, and one extending from stem to stern along the centre of the ship, which subdivide the hull into almost innumerable separate water-tight compartments. She has five steel decks above the inner bottom.

The first cabin passengers have accommodations in a large deck-house amidships, and the saloons and staterooms are furnished most comfortably, and every convenience is provided to make the fifteen-day trip across the Pacific a pleasant one. The large dining saloon, finished in mahogany, with a seating capacity for two hundred passengers, is at the forward end of the deck-house, and in the daytime is lighted by large ports on three sides. A most complete system of ventilation over all cabins and rooms provides fresh air and exhausts the vitiated air.

Above the dining saloon the library on one side and ladies' boudoir on the other, form specially attractive places for the passengers in inclement weather. Practically all the staterooms have outside windows, and many of them are arranged in suite with bath rooms attached. On the bridge deck is a smoking room, richly furnished in leather and finished in Flemish oak, while below deck is a cafe in which refreshments are served at all hours. An airy nursery or play room is provided for children on the promenade deck.

Large and well-equipped toilet and wash rooms are provided for the steerage, also separate galley and pantry; while for the Chinese an opium den is placed at the stern. She carries an immense refrigerating plant capable of cooling, not only the ship's provisions, but also refrigerating seventeen hundred tons of cargo. This plant was designed and built by the American Land Refrigerating Company, of New York City. Four large evaporators for changing salt water to fresh are located in the engine rooms, furnishing abundance of fresh water should that carried in tanks give out. These evaporators have a combined capacity of about thirty thousand gallons of fresh water per day.

The cooking is all done away down below, out of sight, sound and smell of the passengers. The prepared food is carried by noiseless elevators, or dumb waiters, from the lower regions to the dining saloon, where undrunk servants will distribute it in orthodox style three times a day. For the benefit of the eccentric or abnormal appetites a buffet is maintained in another part of the ship, where anything from a full meal to a sandwich will be served day or night.

Capt. John J. Truebridge, formerly of the steamer Victoria, running between Puget Sound and Astoria, commands the Minnesota. The other principal officers are: Chief officer, J. B. Blaine; second officer, W. S. P. Keyes; third officer, John Duffy; chief engineer, George Allan; chief steward, Frank Weber. The Minnesota left Norfolk with 15,000 tons of coal on board, and burned 5,500 tons of coal on the way around the Horn. She did not risk the passage through the Marillon Straits.

The Minnesota left for the Sound this afternoon.

—You will be able to phone him and save trouble and money if you call on Pines & Finch, 57 Government street, and inspect their new stock of goods furnishings.

Prices English Mince Meat is Made From the Purest Materials.

—At the request of many of the electors of North ward, W. F. Fullerton will be a candidate for the aldermanic board at the forthcoming municipal election.

New Mixed Nuts, 15c lb; Fancy Raisins, 35c box. Dixie H. Ross & Co.

—Four Per Cent. Interest.—If you want to make your money earn interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, deposit it with the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings company on their Class "E" deposit plan. The whole amount, or any part thereof, withdrawable at any time.

—What could make a more acceptable gift to provide housewife or mother than a nice tea served in a handsome dinner set? We have the tea sets from \$6.00 upwards, and a choice selection of dinner services from \$10.00 up. Weller Bros., Government street, Victoria.

Watson's Scotch, \$1.00 bottle; St. Augustine Port, 50c bottle; Gold Lion Cocktails, \$1.25 bottle. Dixie H. Ross & Co.

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Make your selection, and if you are unable to personally make the purchase please phone our order and we will do the rest. Absolute satisfaction guaranteed.

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Berry or Salad Bowls from \$1.00 ea.
Comb and Brush Trays \$1.00 ea.
Shaving Mugs, 50c. to \$1.00 ea.
Chocolate Cups and Saucers \$1.00 doz.
After Dinner Coffee, \$1.00 doz.
Spoon Trays, 25c. to \$1.25 ea.
Bread and Butter Plates \$1.00 doz.
Oiled Salad Bowls, richly decorated \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 ea.
Chocolate Pots, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 ea.
Fruit Saucers, \$2.00 to \$2.50 ea.
Teapots, Sugar and Creams \$2.00 set up
Tea Cups and Saucers, \$3.00 doz. up
Celery Trays, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 ea.
Biscuit Jars, \$1.75 to \$3.00 ea.
Potted Compotes, 50c. to \$2.00 ea.
Cake Plates \$1.00, \$1.50 to \$3.00 ea.
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Tea Pots, new styles, from \$8.00 ea.
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Marmalade Jars from \$3.50 ea.
Pickle Stands, \$1.50 to \$3.75 ea.
Biscuit Jars, \$2.50 to \$5.00 ea.
Toilet Racks from \$1.00 to \$5.00 ea.
Berry Spoons, \$2.00 and \$2.50 ea.
Sugar Spoons, \$2.00 and \$2.50 ea.
Butter Knives, 25c. to \$1.75 ea.
Gravy Ladles, \$2.50 to \$3.50 ea.
Sauce Spoons, \$2.00 and \$2.50 ea.
Sugar Tongs, \$1.25 pair
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Salt Sets, \$1.00 to \$2.00 ea.
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Pretty Fire Screens, filled with art muslin or silk \$2.25 ea. up
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CHILLIWACK ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL TEAM.

The Chilliwack team is noted in Mainland football circles as being one of the pickiest of the league. Although so far they have not taken a leading place, every player goes into the game in the proper spirit, and the best eleven always look for a struggle when scheduled to meet the indomitable Chilliwacks. With training, the latter will make one of the best teams of the Mainland association.



VANCOUVER CELTIC ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL TEAM.

The above is a picture of the team mentioned after a hard league game with the Chilliwack eleven. Among the players Victoria enthusiasts will notice at least one familiar figure—Ed. Whyte, formerly one of the most prominent local devotees of the popular pastime. He was on the Y. M. C. A. team last winter, and previous to that belonged to several first-class intermediate and senior teams. Having taken up his residence at Vancouver for a time, Mr. Whyte joined the Celtics, and is now a valued member of that team. This team is one of the strongest aggregations of the Mainland league. The struggle for championship honors is between the Celtic and Shamrock teams, the former having the very slight advantage of two points. This is offset to some extent by the fact that while the Shamrocks have played ten games their rivals, the Celtics, have only contested nine. Under the circumstances it is not improbable that the Celtic team will win on the Mainland and be required to meet the Island champions for the provincial championship.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

KAMLOOPS.

A deal was consummated on Monday by which the sawmill at the east end of town owned by the Thompson River Lumber Co., passed into the hands of R. J. McNab of this city. While the sale was made direct to Mr. McNab, the property was acquired on behalf of a new company now being formed, and who are applying for incorporation. The capital of the new company is fixed at \$10,000, and most of the shares will be subscribed locally. A. Bauman, of the former owners, will be the manager of the new concern, in which he keeps an interest. It is the intention of the new management to make some improvements to the present plant. The mill will continue in operation during the winter, as long as the weather and supply of logs permit.

NELSON.

J. Fred. Hume and party have returned from a hunting trip. The party went in from Frank through Byron creek pass to the headwaters of the Flathead river. Mr. Hume states that that route is by far the shortest and easiest into the Flathead valley. There is a good trail all the way. The road crosses two summits, but they are both low and present no difficulties. In fact, Mr. Hume states that the old lands can be reached from Frank or Blairmore by the Byron creek pass route in one day.

Mrs. Elizabeth Deacon, wife of Frank Deacon, superintendent of city sewers, died very suddenly of heart failure Thursday. Mrs. Deacon had called during the afternoon at the home of W. H. Jeffs. She had taken tea with Mrs. Jeffs, and after some minutes' conversation left and walked along Latimer street. A man passing at some distance saw her fall, ran to her and found her unconscious. He summoned Mr. Jeffs and Dr. Rose was sent for at once, but on arriving, pronounced her dead of heart failure.

R. J. McPhee, manager of the Ottawa mine near Slocan City, is in Nelson on the mine. Mr. McPhee states that mining operations in his section are considerably hampered just now owing to the weather. "There is not snow enough to haul ore on sleds," said Mr. McPhee, "yet the ground being frozen and covered with a little snow makes it impossible to use wagons as the brakes will not hold them, and the consequence is we can do no hauling. Unless we get more snow soon it will be necessary to lay off quite a number of men in our community."

PHOENIX.

In one day there were three accidents here, all resulting in broken bones, if no worse. All three of the victims were employees of the Granby mines, but only one of the three happened at the mines. Carl Helmer slipped on the sidewalk while on his way to dinner at the Granby hotel, and fractured his arm. Richard Silverthorne, on the way to the theatre with his wife, slipped on a steep, slippery sidewalk on School street, and broke the bone in his left forearm. A large rock fell on Lem Fife in the No. 2 tunnel of the Granby mines, breaking his leg twice, dislocating his collar bone and breaking his shoulder bone, with some internal injuries, the extent of which are not yet determined. He is being given attention at the local hospital. The ore shipments from Boundary low grade mines kept well up to the accus-

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(Laughter.) It might aid not immaterially in the process.

Man to Be Shot at Sight.

No limitation of means could in these days excuse anybody from not buying books, but the distinguished between books to be read and books to be bought. They read in order to see whether the book was worth buying. He found two further classes of books—the books that they borrowed from friends and returned, and the books they borrowed and did not return. (Laughter.) The non-returning of books had ended more friendships and terminated more affections than any other cause of which he was cognizant. The man who borrowed one volume out of a set of volumes and never returned it was a man who should be treated like vermin—trapped or shot at sight, or any other of the punishments which might be extended to the lowest and vilest of mankind. (Loud laughter.)

His ideal index would be that which told them the best book to read on any subject that they might ask for, but his fear was that they would get nobody to frame any such index because his life would not be safe. (Laughter.)

There was another index that he was anxious for. He wanted a committee that should frame an index of books that were superseded, and which they might get rid of from their shelves. The great writers of old gradually disappeared under the super-incumbent—he would not say rubbish, because he was an author himself—but the super-incumbent matter, just as Pompeii was shrouded by the ashes and lava of Vesuvius.

He thought that in literature they needed one who should act the part of the Muezzin on the Mosque, summoning faithful Mohammedans to prayers—one who should raise his voice and recall the names of good books and good authors which stood in danger of being forgotten. As the Muezzin was usually incapable of other work, physical or mental, if any such official were appointed he was thinking of applying for the place. (Laughter.) He would think the evening of his life extremely well spent by trying to point out those authors who, in his judgment, and in that of many better than himself, were in some danger of being neglected in these days.

One of the authors who had been unduly obscured in late years was Sydney Smith, who would be recollected by many present as the sayer of some bewilderingly funny jokes. His fear was that under his reputation for humor the real merits of that great man might be forgotten, for he wrote the best sense as well as the best nonsense in the world.

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Land Registry Act.

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Sub-Division No. 10 of Lot 121 A, Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above land, issued to Ellen Carroll on the 13th day of May, 1905, and numbered 1553.

S. Y. WOODTON,
Registrar-General.
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.,
13th day of December, A. D., 1904.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that, under and pursuant to the "Revised Statutes of Canada, 1886," Chapter 92, the Taylor Mill Company, Limited, of Victoria, B. C., has applied to the Governor-General in Council for a lease of certain foreshore rights, and for approval of the plan and site for the erection of a new wooden wharf adjoining the present wharf of the said Company in Rock Bay, in the harbor of the said City of Victoria.

A plan of the said proposed works and improvements, and a description by metes and bounds of the proposed site of the wharf, have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.

Victoria, B. C., the 31st day of December, 1904.

FELL & GREGORY.

Solicitors for the said Taylor Mill Company, Limited.

SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual, and upon complying therewith at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered minerals in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment to the Royal Government of 2½ per cent. of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; they may, however, be rectangular. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive, titles for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate side.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, \$10 per mile for first year, and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Placer claims in the hills shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 100 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of a mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

No person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying \$100. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least \$200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made, and the Minister may reserve for an individual company having machinery on the land to be prospecting an area of 1,920 acres for such period as he may decide, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth. Should the prospector discover gold in payable quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well, will be sold to the prospector at the rate of \$1 an acre, and the remainder of the tract reserved, namely, 1,280 acres, will be sold at the rate of an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by Order in Council.

JAMES A. SMART,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior,
Dept. Interior.

Notice is hereby given that, under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1886, Chapters 36 and 92, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria has applied to the Governor-General in Council for the grant of a portion of the foreshore on the northeast of Rock Bay, in Victoria Harbor.

A plan of the said foreshore and of the works and improvements proposed and a description by metes and bounds of the proposed sites of the same have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof has been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1904.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
Clerk of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria.

REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, CHAPTER 92.

Notice is hereby given that one month after date application will be made to the Governor-General in Council for approval of the plan and site of a wharf and sawmill to be erected by William Moore and Ernest W. Whittington on and opposite Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, in Block B, West Esplanade, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia.

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Municipal Election, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming Municipal Election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required during the month of December to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for taking depositions in the Supreme Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act."

This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a Justice of the Peace and for the City of Victoria, at his office, City Hall.

As a condition of qualification, it is required that this declaration.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 2nd, 1904.

Notice of Application for Grant of Foreshore License to Construct Wharf.

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WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
Clerk of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria.

REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, CHAPTER 92.

Notice is hereby given that one month after date application will be made to the Governor-General in Council for approval of the plan and site of a wharf and sawmill to be erected by William Moore and Ernest W. Whittington on and opposite Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, in Block B, West Esplanade, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia.

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NOTICE.

We, the undersigned, being petitioners for the incorporation of the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South Saanich into a Municipality, hereby give notice of our intention to apply to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters Patent under the Public Seal incorporating the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South Saanich into a District Municipality (excepting only such portions thereof as form Indian Reservations), under the name of The Corporation of the District of Saanich.

ANDREW STRACHAN,
J. STUART YATES,
JNO. G. ELLIOTT.

NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of the District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.

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LINER ARRIVED FROM AUSTRALIA TO-DAY

The Aorangi Had the Heaviest Cargo Ever Brought From the Antipodean Colonies.

The R. M. S. Aorangi, Capt. Phillips, arrived from Australia this morning with a very heavy cargo aboard. Instead of landing at the dock the steamer passed into Esquimaux in order to discharge her passengers and freight. This was done in order to avoid any danger in landing at the outer wharves with the other steamers lying there, including the Yangtze. The pilot considered it safer to avoid the risk of any accident in the rough weather prevailing.

The voyage was an uneventful one with good weather until near Cape Flattery. Off that point a heavy south-east gale and thick weather were encountered. This delayed the arrival of the Aorangi for nearly a day. There was a heavy snow storm raging off the Cape.

The saloon passengers for Victoria arriving by the Aorangi were: Mrs. Brennan and son, Mrs. E. Heales, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hughes, Mrs. Ritchie and infant, Miss M. Murray, Paul Bernhardt, W. Reid, H. B. Cameron, Miss E. Martin, A. Lassel, J. Whitham, J. Craveston, Mrs. Forberg and son, J. O. Fewlala, Mr. Osterode, Mrs. Osterode and family of three, Mrs. Urquhart and daughter, Mr. Bunting and E. Clifton Riley. She had also thirty Japanese on board.

Capt. J. A. Stewart Balmain, 15th Hussars, private secretary to the Governor-General of Australia, is returning to England on leave from his Excellency's staff, to present himself for examination for higher rank.

Passengers arriving state that the recovery from the recent drought has been very marked, and is general throughout Australia. Rapid strides are being made in business as a result of the export statistics readily prove, and which it is hoped with good seasons will continue. The commercial relations between Australia, Canada and the United States, show a decided improvement.

The steamer brought the largest cargo

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ever carried across the Pacific from Australia for Canadian and United States points. It would appear from her manifest that the popularity of the line is increasing as a medium between the Antipodes and Canada, both as regards passenger traffic and freight carrying trade.

Included among the freight for this city was 1,000 bags Sunlight oil cake and meal.

The steamer had also 2,239 railway sleepers of Australian hardwood, which will be landed at Vancouver.

P. E. Balmaine having resigned his position as purser in the service, has retired. His place has been taken by P. Coxall.

The Aorangi left about 11.45 for Vancouver.

—As mentioned in another column, a Junior Association football match will be played between the St. Louis College and Capital teams, commencing at 1.30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Beacon Hill. The St. Louis College team follows: Goal, Smith; full backs, Robins and Campbell; half backs, Locke, Knox and Brown; forwards, Sweeney, McArthur, Barnes, Johns and O'Rourke.

—Yesterday afternoon the remains of Miss Wilhelmina Eliza Redgrave were laid to rest. The funeral took place from No. 50 Dallas road at 2 o'clock, religious services being conducted by Alfred H. Phillips. A number of appropriate hymns were sung and many beautiful floral tributes were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: P. Phillips, B. Phillips, J. Donaldson and J. D. Phillips.

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A TONSORIAL DISPUTE.

Barbers' Union Presents Ultimatum to the Various Employers.

There are ominous rumblings in the local tonsorial field which portend an upheaval. The barbers' union has presented the employers with a demand, nay, an ultimatum, and if its wishes are not acceded to by the 1st of January some of the shops will be barberless. The union demands that the schedule of prices now in operation be amended by the imposition of a tariff of five cents per neck shave and five cents per moustache manipulation, in other words, moustache curling.

This amendment was decided upon at a recent meeting of the barbers' union. The vote, as far as can be learned, was something like 17 in favor of the proposed increase and 8 against. At any rate, even if these figures be incorrect, it may be stated more definitely that a large majority was rolled up for the amendment. When the demand was submitted seven of the larger proprietors—larger commercially, of course—held a meeting. Three of them voted in favor of acceding to the wishes of the union with the very best grace. Three voted the other way, and the upshot of the meeting was the reference of the ultimatum back to the union bearing the inscription "declined," whether with or without thanks it is impossible to say. This action was taken on the ground of the casting vote of the chairmen. The three who favored acceding to the demands of the union sent in minority reports, explaining their attitudes. They claim that they really represent the majority of proprietors in the city, for there are eight who did not attend their meeting. These eight, they further contend, are unanimously in favor of an amended tariff. They aver, however, that if a strike is ordered only those shops which are opposed to the demands of the union will be affected. Their own establishments, they say, will continue to do business at the old stands.

If it is an understood thing that the strike order will affect but a comparatively few of the local tonsorial establishments, the good people of Victoria need not be unnecessarily alarmed. It was first reported that the strike would close up all the shops, a report which caused undisguised dismay throughout the town. Visions of wild-eyed attempts at home-shaving, lacerated countenances and innumerable breaches of the third commandment arose in the minds of many of them, while the social lion and those whose aspirations are directed to the sanctum sanctorum in the temple of society were prepared to pack up their effects and migrate to a land where there are no differences of opinion between barber unions and the employers. A meeting of the local barbers' organization will be held this evening, when the final steps in connection with the attitude they have adopted will be taken.

The attention of householders and license holders is called to the necessity of registering before they can vote at the forthcoming municipal elections. Inquiry at the office of the assessor in the city hall by the Times to-day disclosed that so far only 220 had made the required declarations at Mr. Northcott's office. All electors, with the exception of property holders, must understand that unless they observe this requirement they will be disfranchised. They have only until the end of the month in which to do so, and should any person be deprived of his vote at the approaching elections because of his failure to conform to the regulations, he will have no one to blame but himself.

Prince Alexander of Teck, in opening a new drill hall in London, strongly warned the boys present against the habit of cigarette smoking. If they wanted to smoke at all, he said, let them smoke a pipe and leave "rag" alone.

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PERSONAL.

J. W. Farrell, at the head of the steamboat service of the Great Northern, came over last night to meet the big steamer Minnesota. He was accompanied from Seattle by H. B. Wordsworth, B. C. Barlow, Stephen L. Coles, L. W. Macdonnell and C. L. Hume. In the city they were guests at the Driford.

David Spencer, Jr., has left for Eastern Canada, the United States and Europe on a purchasing tour. He will visit New York, London, Paris, Berlin and many other commercial centres, and expects to be away some months.

Mr. Justice Irving is confined to the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, having undergone an operation for appendicitis. He is making favorable progress.

Mrs. E. B. Mason and Miss Florence left by the steamer Princess Beatrice for Seattle to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Stratton.

W. R. Robertson, of Duncan; P. B. Wallace, of Toronto; and C. T. Parsons and wife, of Seattle, are in the city. They are guests at the Victoria.

Mrs. Urquhart, of Vancouver, returned from a visit to Dunedin, New Zealand, this morning by the steamer Aorangi. W. Solly, of Ymir, is at the Balmoral. Thos. Kiddle and Mrs. Kiddle, of Ladysmith, are staying at the Vernon. C. D. Emmons, of Portland; B. W. Greer, E. J. Coyle and F. Carter-Cotton, of Vancouver, are at the Driford.

Dr. H. B. Cameron returned from a short pleasure trip to Honolulu by the steamer Aorangi this morning. W. J. Watson, of Ladysmith, and J. E. Campbell, of Nelson, are guests at the Vernon.

John Madigan, of Kamloops, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

Several school teachers who appeared desirous of dispensing with the formality of paying the revenue tax were summoned to appear in the police court this morning, at the instance of Collector Carter. They had to pay, however, not only the tax but the costs in each case, which amounted to \$2.

—A dispatch from J. H. Turner, agent-general in London, England, states that British Columbia fruit was awarded the society's medal, the highest honor, at the Royal Horticultural show of colonial fruits held recently in Vincent square, Westminster.

The census of British South Africa, including Cape Colony, the Transvaal, Natal, Rhodesia, Orange, Basutoland and Bechuanaland, gives the white population at 1,133,011 and the colored at 5,198,175. English is now spoken by no fewer than 125,000 people, whereas a century ago it was spoken only by 20,000 people. In a hundred years English is the only language which has advanced throughout the world.

Ahmed Nouma, a horse dealer, has confessed to murdering an Arab merchant named Touman, on his wedding day. He stated that he was jealous of Touman, who had purchased his wife for £40, while his own offer of £80 for the girl had been declined by her parents.

Apparently killed by being run over by a train at Leghorn, Italy, Giovanni Crispi was removed to an infirmary's shop. At daybreak the following morning his "corpse" came to life, and, disgusted with the dreary surroundings, picked up a hat and walked home.

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